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THE SPIRIT OF THE REUNION

"Forsooth, it may delight thee hereafter to remember these things." Thus wrote Virgil of the soldiers of Aeneas. The sweetest memories are those of travail, illumined by love. It delights the Confederate soldiers to gather to discuss the days in which they followed the "Starry Cross" until the setting. And it delights Anderson to entertain the old soldiers of South Carolina this year upon the occasion of their annual reunion for Anderson gave of her noblest sons to the cause of liberty.

For all time, those who have encountered hardships together, those who have trudged together along the weary marches, those who have stood shoulder to shoulder in the grim line of battle, those who have starved together in the cage or in the prison, and those who have feasted together upon the captured booty, have loved to assemble, and, recounting their hardships and pleasures cast a tear for the equally brave ones who fell along the line.

There is no comradeship like that of the men who have stood together in battle where "death saluted them." Whatever differences may have existed along other lines, this tie could not be severed. The survivors meet together not only for the pleasure to themselves, but to sing to the praises of those who marched "to death gaily as a festival."

History records civil war in all lands and ages, but none to compare with the War of Secession, in the gigantic scale upon which it was waged. On one side the total enlistment was over two and one-half millions, against only six hundred thousand on the other; while the deaths from all causes on the side of

the victors amounted to nearly four hundred thousand, against two hundred thousand on the side of the vanquished.

But the great difference between the civil war of the United States and those of all other countries, rests upon the course pursued by both victors and vanquished, after the close of hostilities. The terms of surrender were honorable and even liberal. Of course there were men on both sides who were zealous

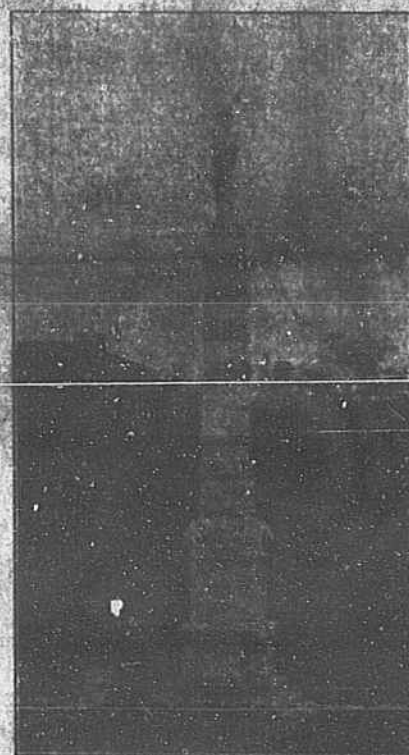
Jefferson Davis was never permitted to again become a citizen of the republic which he had previously served with signal ability.

One may search in vain for any other country in which monuments boldly hold high their heads, in commemoration of those who lost in a civil struggle and yet in the United States today one may go to one hundred and fifty cities grateful tributes to those who defended the Lost Cause. In this reunited country there are Confederate monuments in five States which did not secede, one in Chicago and one in New York City.

In other lands the vanquished dared not assemble save with the utmost secrecy, and their dead were often denied decent burials. In the United States, it was almost upon the heels of the war that brave women, without whose heroic devotion no such struggle could have been possible, began arranging to care for the graves of their dead ones, and not long thereafter the local organizations of former soldiers began forming. Now there is no Confederate grave known in all the South whereon a flower is not placed at least once a year by these loving hands. And the President of this reunited country of ours is a son of a Confederate sympathizer and spent his boyhood in the city where Secession was cradled.

It was with Anderson troops that the brother-in-law of the present chief executive of the reunited nation served in the armies of the Confederacy.

We believe that the first reunion of Confederate survivors was held in this county, in a few weeks after the surrender.



MONUMENT AT ANDERSON

Built by the Efforts of the Women of City and County

and extreme, but the good judgment of the majority on both sides made it possible for all who had fought the government to exercise the full rights of citizenship under that government within a very few years after the final surrender; all, save one, for President

AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintances be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintances be forgot
And the days of Auld Lang Syne.

CHORUS

For Auld Lang Syne my dear,
For Auld Lang Syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For Auld Lang Syne.

We two ha'e run about the braes,
And pu'd the gowans fine,
And we've wandered many a weary foot,
Sin' Auld Lang Syne.

We two ha'e paidt the burn
From morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid ha'e roar'd
Sin' Auld Lang Syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty friend,
And gie's a hand o' thine,
And we'll tak e'en right gude Willie weight,
For Auld Lang Syne.

And surely you'll be your pint-stoup,
And surely I'll be mine,
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For Auld Lang Syne.

BEST BE THE TIE

Best be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And oft for each other flows
Our sorrow and our tears.

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall be joined in heart
And hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way,
While each in expectation lives
And longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain,
And sin we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

